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In re Application of:) Art Unit:
Michael GUTIN et al.)
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR...)

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim:

--32. A system for handling optical signals passing via optical fiber links from the point of pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring, the system comprising two or more signal handling devices according to Claim 17, inserted in one or more optical fiber links and operative to perform pulse shaping, nonlinearity treatment and/or monitoring with respect to at least one optical pulse signal.--